

**Fire Mutual Aid
154.280; VFire 21**

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- **154.280; VFire 21 is currently used as the state standard for VHF Fire Mutual Aid**
- **This Frequency requires licensing through the FCC**
- **It was recently discovered that a majority of agencies in the state do not have this frequency licensed**



Action Items

- **Each agency needs to have a license or an MOU with a licensed agency to operate on this frequency.**
- **To obtain a license would require paperwork and frequency coordination (which costs money)**



Action Items

- **DPS has a statewide license for this frequency which covers all state agencies**
- **FCC and OEC proposed that DPS consider expanding its license to cover all users statewide.**
- **FCC and OEC also suggested that we consider whether this could be accomplished through the existing MOU in place for AIRS**



Action Items

- We have reviewed the AIRS MOU and discussed this matter with DPS
- The MOU provides in relevant part "This MOU authorizes use of state-licensed mutual aid channels for the purpose of coordination between emergency response agencies and resources."
- DPS is willing to extend their license to cover users statewide if requested
- DPS feels the current language in the AIRS MOU is sufficient to cover this frequency.

- **The State Fire Mutual Aid Committee concurs that this approach would be desirable.**
- **It would save agencies money, and expedite licensing compliance.**
- **Patrick Quinn from the State Fire Mutual Aid Committee is here and available to answer questions.**

Questions / Discussion

Possible Action

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